GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4571
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2005
SENIOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT STANDING COUNSEL
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed for appointment of Senior Central Government Standing Counsel and Additional Central Government Standing Counsel in various High Courts;

(b) the number of members appointed in the present counsel and the vacancies tu_. if any, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government received any representations for appointment of new members to the above Counsel;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconstitute the existing counsels;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) The Senior Central Govt. Standing Counsel (now re-designated as Assistant Solicitor General of India) and Additional Central Govt. Standing Counsel (now re-designated as Central Government Counsel) are appointed on the basis of their experience and standing at the bar.

(b) The Government has appointed or upgraded or extended the term of 1390 Counsel in different High Courts since May 2004. A statement indicating the number of counsel appointed in each High Court is annexed. There are no vacancies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e) As stated above, the Government has appointed or upgraded or extended the term of 1390 Counsels in different High Courts since May 2004.

f) Appointment of new Government Counsel is a continuous process.